Changes in Legislation

Due to a change of regulations from UKCAS all the awarding bodies have been instructed to tighten up the procedures for the Gas and OFTC accredited certification scheme.

From now on you must supply proof of training for any candidate wishing to undertake any ACS assessment.

Reassessment

Any candidate wishing to undertake reassessment, will need to provide us with a copy of your old certificate, before any training or assessment takes place.

If you have lost you old certificate then you will need to contact the awarding bodies’ and obtain an operative’s report which has a record of all passed assessments.

If you have been to us before then the contact details for Bpec is 01332 376000.

We do not have copies of your certificates, they are sent out direct from the awarding body’s to either the candidate or to the company with whom they work.

We will also need proof of identification e.g. copy of your driving licence or passport.

And one passport photo.

This must be all supplied before you can come to us, before any training and assessments can take place.

Initial Assessment

This now includes any initial assessment for any appliance, for engineers doing LPG for the first time, anyone wishing to undertake changeover courses e.g. domestic to commercial. Candidates undertaking OFTEC for the first time.

The new requirements are that on-site training must take place and recorded on the forms provided and signed off by an engineer with the appropriate qualification themselves. We will also need a copy of the training engineers’ certificates as proof of qualifications.

And then Initial candidates will require extra training and assessment in our training centre, depending on the assessment, will mean that it could take longer.

None of this can take place until at least 6 months after initial registration with Gas Safe. e.g. apprentices that have just completed ACS for CCN1 and CENWAT will have to wait 6 months if they then wish to undertake HTR1 or/and CKR1 etc and have proof of on-site training.

For learners undertaking the Gas foundation course this is all in place anyway and no extra work is required for CCN1 and CENWAT, but again will have to wait 6 months if they wish to expand their portfolio of qualifications once Gas Safe Registered.

This has all been put in place to undermine the rouge training centres, the type of place where you spend a short time training and you are now a gas engineer.

But it has made it harder for the rest of us.